



Department of Homeland Security to Track Bloggers and Media Influencers

The Department of Homeland Security wants to track the comings and goings of journalists, bloggers and other “media influencers” through a database of 290,000 news sources including online, print, broadcast and social media. [The government already tracks journalists, now they are expanding operations and making it known.]

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) wants to track the vast networks of journalists, bloggers and other “media influencers” through a massive, searchable database that will allow them to monitor “any and all” trends in real time, according to a publicly posted job listing.

Apparently the NSA doesn’t share their toys with DHS...

The DHS “Media Monitoring” initiative is currently [seeking a contractor](#) who can provide DHS with the ability to track over 290,000 global news sources in more than 100 languages – including online, print, broadcast, cable, radio, trade and industry publications, traditional news sources and social media platforms.

“Services shall provide media comparison tools, design and rebranding tools, communication tools, and the ability to identify top media influencers,” according to the job call, in

order to help DHS agencies fulfill “a critical need to incorporate these functions into their programs in order to better reach federal, state, local, tribal, and private partners.”

The department’s “Statement of Work for Media Monitoring Services” requires the following:

Online & Social Media Monitoring

Ability to track global online sources for coverage relevant to Washington and the six media hubs:

- *Ability to track > 290,000 global news sources*
- *Ability to track online, print, broadcast, cable, radio, trade and industry publications, local sources, national/international outlets, traditional news sources, and social media*
- *Ability to track media coverage in > 100 languages, including Arabic, Chinese and Russian. Translation function to instantly translate these articles to English.*
- *Ability to create up to 20 searches with each unlimited keywords*
- *Unlimited coverage per search (no cap on coverage)*
- *Ability to change the searches at keywords at any given time*
- *Ability to create unlimited data tracking, statistical breakdown, and graphical analyses on any coverage on an ad-hoc basis*

Database of journalists, editors, correspondents, social media influencers, bloggers, etc.

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Russia Blames Israel for Airstrike on Syria this Morning, Pentagon Denies Responsibility

Syria and Russia are blaming Israel for war planes that attacked a government airbase; 14 people are reported to have been killed, including Iranians. The airbase houses Iranians, Russians and members of the Lebanese armed group, Hezbollah, Israel's sworn enemy, whom they attacked in February. Israel refused comment on the airstrike, but it has claimed in its prior attacks on Syria that it is preventing weapons transfer to Hezbollah. Israel is very concerned that Iran is establishing a military presence in Syria. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said that Russian military specialists visited Douma, the site of the reported chemical attack, and found no sign of chlorine gas or any other substance being used against civilians.